



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Patrick Johannes Blom et al.  
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Title : TRANSFER LABEL

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Docket No. : 34434  
Customer No. : 00116

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE AND INTERVIEW  
SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicant herewith provides the substance of a telephonic interview conducted between applicant's counsel John P. Murtaugh and Examiner Tamra L. Dicus on February 18, 2005. During the interview the substance of the Blom Declaration filed on February 11, 2005 was discussed. Applicant's counsel explained that an experiment was conducted in which, in Example 1, 2 g/m<sup>2</sup> of the best conventional opacifying agent TiO<sub>2</sub> was used; but this did not provide sufficient opacity and the underlying image could be visually noticed through the opacifying layers. The experiment was repeated in Example 2 in the same manner with only one change, that being that in the second white pigmented layer 0.03 g/m<sup>2</sup> of TiO<sub>2</sub> was removed and was replaced with 0.03 g/m<sup>2</sup> of aluminum powder. Despite this small substitution, surprisingly

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and unexpectedly the label was completely opaque and the existing printing could not be visually noticed through the opacifying layers. The Examiner indicated she would give the Declaration due consideration.

#### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Contrary to what the Examiner states, the article "Pigments" shows that the refractive index of  $\text{TiO}_2$  is much greater than 1.5 and lists  $\text{TiO}_2$  as a hiding pigment and lists  $\text{CaCO}_3$  as an extender pigment having a refractive index value close to 1.5.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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